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Remarks

In view of the above amendments, the applicants submit that all of the claims now pending are in allowable form.

OBJECTIONS

A. Specification

The specification is objected to because of informalities. In particular, the Examiner indicates that at page 8, line 4 the phrase "The p-polarized component 27" should be replaced by the phrase "The p-polarized component 45". Applicants have amended the specification to replace the phrase "The p-polarized component 27" with the phrase "The p-polarized component 45". In view of this amendment to the specification, the basis for the Examiners' objection thereto has been removed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

B. Claims

The Examiner objects to claim 8 because of informalities. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that at line 12, the phrase "separating the first and second light matrices" should be changed to "combining the first and second light matrices". Applicants have amended claim 8 to replace the phrase "separating the first and second light matrices" with the phrase "combining the first and second light matrices" with the phrase "combining the first and second light matrices". In view of this amendment to claim 8, the basis for the Examiners' objection thereto has been removed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants have cancelled claims 1-7. The Examiner has Indicated that claims 8-14 are allowable. Thus, the applicants believe that all of the claims now pending in the application are in allowable form and this application is presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring a rejection of any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609) 734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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